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Turin, February 25. *N. S.*

THE Dutcheſs of Mantua being dead lately in France, this Court are gone into Mourning for three Weeks on that occaſion. On the 13th Inſtant his Royal Highneſs was pleaſed to make a Promotion of General Officers, and has appointed the Baron de St. Remi, who is Lieutenant-General of Foot, to be Governor of Coni; he has likewiſe ſetled a Penſion on that General, and given him a Commandery of a conſiderable Value. Our laſt Letters from Vienna give us room to hope that Monſieur de Mellarede will ſucceed in his Negotiations, and that the Conferences now on Foot at that Court will have a better effect than any that have been heretofore held on the ſame Subject. They write from Genoa, that they had Advice there that the Dutch Squadron was got ſafe into Lisbon; and that a Catalan Bark was arrived upon the Coaſt, by which they are informed that a violent Storm ariſing whilſt the Confederate Fleet was weighing Anchor in the Road of Barcelona, the Reſolution, a Britiſh Man of War, Founder'd under the Fort of Mountjuich, and loſt about fifty of her Men, but the reſt of the Fleet received no manner of Damage. We are aſſured that the Duke de Noailles's Army has been very much weaken'd by the Siege of Gironne, as well as by Sickneſs and Deſertion, and that he has loſt above five thouſand Men ſince he left Rouſſillon. His Royal Highneſs the Duke of Savoy has been lately indiſpoſed of a Cold, which confined him for ſome time to his Chamber, but he is now much better, and appears again in publick.

Venice, February 27. *N. S.* They write from Rome, that the Marquis de Prié had an Audience of the Pope the firſt Day of Lent, and among other things endeavour'd to perſwade his Holineſs to an Accommodation with the Duke of Savoy, which is now eſteem'd to be more impracticable than ever; for his Royal Highneſs having lately diſpoſed of a Benefice in that part of the Milaneze that formerly belong'd to Spain, the Pope looks on this as a new ground of Complaint, ſince the Crown of Spain never diſputed the Right of Collation, which was always enjoy'd without any Infringement by his Predeceſſors. For this reaſon the Pope has let Monſieur Gubernati know, that all his Endeavours will be ineffectual, and that he is reſolved to hear no more on that Subject. At the ſame time Signior Viſconti, Biſhop of the Dioceſe to which the Benefice in diſpute belongs, has Excommunicated the Duke of Savoy's Miniſter there. The Princeſs Carbogniano, and the young Marchioneſs of Caraveggio, having appear'd in all publick Places during the Carnival, in Company with Donna Bernardina the Pope's Siſter, People imagine the Match which was ſaid to have been intended between that Lady and Don Charles Albani will take effect; but that the Pope will not venture to conclude it, 'till he is aſſured that it will not be diſpleaſing to the French. The Northumberland Galley, laden with Herrings, Pepper and Bale-Goods, is arrived here from London, as is likewiſe the Brice Galley with four hundred Cheſts of Sugar from Lisbon: She was met in her Paſſage near the Streights Mouth by a large French Privateer, whom ſhe fought for ſeveral Hours, and then found means to put into Gibraltar, from whence ſhe came in ſeventeen Days hither. Laſt Saturday the Stables and Magazines belonging to the Republick accidentally took Fire, by which they were all deſtroyed, as were likewiſe ſeveral private Houſes, and ſome Cattle.

Hague, March 17. *N. S.* Since the Arrival of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, ſeveral Conferences have been held here, both in relation to the War and other publick Affairs. Commiſſioners have been likewiſe appointed to confer with Sir James Wiſhart on the Operations at Sea; and all imaginable Diligence is uſed on every ſide for an early Campaign. Lieutenant-General Cadogan ſet out yeſterday for the Netherlands, in order to give the neceſſary Directions for aſſembling the Body of Troops that are ſpeedily to encamp near Orchies, and to diſpoſe every thing for the opening of the Campaign, which is to be done by the whole Army the beginning of the next Month. The French Troops are in Motion from all Parts of that Kingdom towards the Frontiers, but their March has been much retarded by the ill Weather. The Earl of Orrery having delivered his Credentials to the States-General, has been ſince in Conference with their Deputies. His Lordſhip has been viſited by all the Foreign Miniſters here, and propoſeth to be at Bruſſels in a Fortnight, or three Weeks time. According to our Advices from Paris, the Mareſchal de Villars was to ſet out for Arras the 18th Inſtant; and we are told the late Elector of Bavaria is ſpeedily expected at Namur. Theſe Letters add, that the Marquis de Leganez, heretofore Governor of Milan, died lately in his Impriſonment at Vincennes. Our Letters from Vienna adviſe, that the Prince of Savoy was to ſet out from thence the 10th or 12th Inſtant, in order to be at this Place before the end of the Month; and that the Turkiſh Aga was expected there the 15th, the Port having reſolv'd to order him thither, contrary to the earneſt Sollicitations of the French Ambaſſador, who made uſe of all his Intereſt to prevent it. On the 9th Inſtant we received Letters from Conſtantinople, dated the 30th of the laſt Month, which confirm the Accounts we had formerly received of the warlike Preparations which the Turks were forwarding with great Diligence. Theſe Letters add, that the Great General of Poland, who was in the Intereſt of King Staniſlaus, was juſt arrived, and had immediately an Audience of the Grand Viſier. We have receiv'd Advice here, that four Dutch Eaſt-India Ships having been permitted to Sail from hence, in Company with the Squadron bound for Lisbon, one of them had the Misfortune to be ſeparated from the Convoy in bad Weather, and is ſince taken by ſome French Men of War. The Differences between his Pruſſian Majeſty and the Prince of Naſſau-Friſe continuing undetermin'd, the States have, at the King of Pruſſia's Requeſt, appointed Conferences to be held here on that Affair,